Unjust Criticism of the First Attack on Vicksburg.

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SIEGE OF JACKSON.

The Old Hero Endeared Himself to Everybody.

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nected with this distinguished citizen and soldier is necessarily of great interest ate true nobility of character and beroic deeds, there is no soldier who had the

honor of serving under Gen. Sherman to place on record such recollections relating to him as may have come under his observation.

My acquaintance with Gen. Sherman was formed when he first visited Kentucky and assumed command of the forces in this State, with headquarters in Louisville. He was there at the time the battle of Wild Cat was fought; spoke in complimentary terms of the Union forces, and attributed considerable importance to the victory, which was about the first success of the Federal arms. His frank manner, genial and outspoken method of referring to the situation impressed me with the idea that he was destined to be one of the foremost leaders in the suppression of the rebellion.

While he seemed to be deeply impressed with the gravity of the situation, he was, nevertheless, communicative and easily ap-



manded strict obedience, he never allowed to-day." With this he mounted his horse he invariably manifested toward the mem- taking a light vessel out of danger again. forms and ceremonies to usurp the place of and galloped off to the right to order the bers. His faculty for remembering names common sense. He was exceedingly grati- assault.

on transports that had been concentrated at | interview.

He ascertained in some way that I had welcome to anything he had at all times served in the Mexican war, and frequently and upon all occasions. referred to it; always expressing regret that

and while the attack failed, it was not due to any oversight upon his part or any want rend leading into Vicksburg to the Mississippi River.

We had searedy taken position before I received the following order:

10 A. R., DEC. 29, Gen. Landson: Leaving your battery and a regiment in support, work your way up to the abatis as though covering the approach of a colsumn directly on Vickaburg. Gen. Morgan and A. trees the last buy out and reach the bill. The Admiral is firing at Vicksburg from False River.

W. T. SHEEMAN. Major-General Commanding.

the road were in full view of the Confed- of those distinguished officers, but said that erate forces on the hills beyond the bayon, Sherman was capable of commanding any I marched and re-marched the men repeat- army, and that he would be proud to take a edly down the road, so as to convey to the command under him. This was spoken with enemy the impression that a large portion of) an earnestness that impressed me with the the army was advancing with a view to an | idea that Gen. Grant regarded Gen. Sherman assault on their left. It was evident, how- as the greatest General in the army, and ever, from the careless manner in which subsequent events showed that his confithey viewed this demonstration that they dence in his great Lieutenant remained unanticipated nothing serious from the move- shaken to the end.

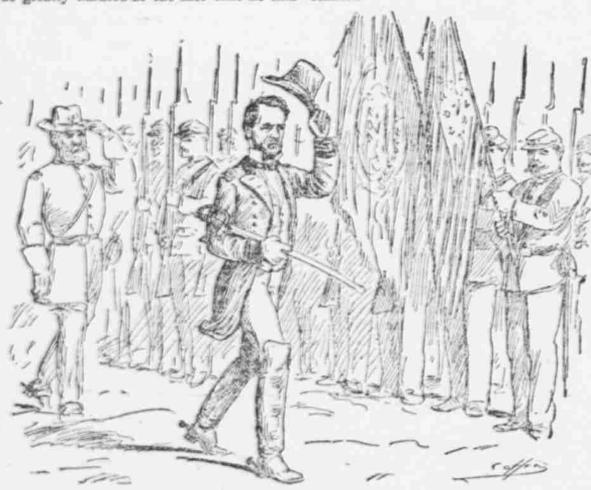
his staff, or even an Orderly, visited me his observation. While in command of the several times during the operations at Chick- | Fourth Division of the Thirteenth Corps I asaw Bayon, and gave his views freely in received a visit from him, and finding that regard to the situation. My command was a General in command of a division on my the last to withdraw, and although pursued | right had failed to bring his men to the Frugality in the Field Regard- by no force of any magnitude, we were fol- front, and that a gap had been left in the lowed by a portion of the Confederate forces, | lines, he told me to see that officer, give him who were sent to observe our movements. his compliments, and ask him if he didn't

upon Gen. Sherman from time to time for vision around by the way of Memphis. This the result of this affair; but those best ac- was intended as a stinging rebuke to that Gluttony and Immodesty at a quainted with the facts know that his dis- | General; but I only hunted him up and told positions of his forces were admirable, and | him of the importance of a speedy complihis plans well matured. There were reason- ance with orders, which he made haste to do, able grounds for the belief that Vicksburg | and the investment was complete. could be taken, and with the army under his command he would have been justly officers who soldiered in the rear, seeking amenable to censure if he had not made an | commands in cities and at posts while hold-S everything con- earnest effort to effect its capture.

ured. On the Saturday night preceding the promotion should come alone from honorbattle I slept within 50 feet of Gen. Sher- able and meritosious service in the field, and saw when I awoke in the morning. He was ferment. standing near a large tree, behind which he | The Presidency was virtually tendered to better way in which to had slept during the night, eating a lunch, him several times, but he thrust it from him bring to light many and upon examining the tree remarked that as though he regarded it as an object unoccurrences that are he had selected that tree for protection, but worthy of the seeking, and which he could worthy of remem- that it proved to be hollow, and seemed to not be induced to accept under any circum- wherries and the narrow canoes of Alaska brance than for each | be greatly amused at the fact that he had stances.

At the siege of Jackson he made a daily Gen. Sherman, unaccompanied by any of inspection of his lines, and nothing escaped Some unjust criticism has been passed think it would be better to march his di-

He frequently expressed his contempt for ing commissions as Brigadiers, and, as he Proceeding at once to Arkansas Post, an said, "were lying around loose while Coloinvestment of that place was effected, and its | nels were doing their duty as commanders garrison, numbering from 6,000 to 8,000, capt- of brigades and divisions." He believed that man, and he was one of the first officers I | not as a reward for political influence or pre-



HE DISMOUNTED AND WALKED THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE REGIMENT.

tection even from a minic-ball. attacking party suffered defeat. I referred moment's recreation without some one pull- curs one must go in and out through the to Waterloo, New Orleans, Bull Run, Mill ing at his sleeve and urging the appointproached by any who desired to impart in Springs, and Shiloh as noted examples. It ment of a postmaster in some country vil- This is often done to save long distances formation or to obtain advice upon anything seemed to impress him, and he remarked lage. relating to the war or the condition of the that his attention had never been called to He was an excellent presiding officer, and miles. Once inside the reef, there is gener- of the 'tololo.' Not that roast pig and These were characteristics that tended to reflection he turned to me and said, "Lan- the Tennessee was noted for the expeditious the tide is so low as to wash against the reef, anxious to take in every part, for we will make him universally popular with the dram, this battle commenced yesterday, manner in which he conducted the business not over it, one can with impunity lay in- see a regular Samoan stuffing match, and wolunteers, and while he expected and de- (Saturday,) and we will go ahead with it of the society and the kindness and courtesy side the rollers next the reef, the back-rush there will be plenty of guests present,

State great credit for having furnished so Sherman, who soon appeared, and I informed say "How are you, Smith?" or "How are many gallant soldiers to the Federal army. him of the necessity for his presence, intro-formed his opinions of men from what he I next met him at Memphis while he was duced him to Gen. Churchill, and he re- knew of them, and was never known to organizing the campaign against Vicksburg. ceived the surrender. Churchill and his adopt the prejudices of others. His elevated will try to show the manuver in its most The "tololo," or feast, was to be a very All of the troops, numbering about 30,000, staff were morese, and were not at all polite ideas of propriety, his dignified bearing at hazardous time, just when the surf is rising large one, as the girl had many relatives were reviewed by him prior to embarking to myself or to Gen. Sherman during the all times and under all circumstances, his

that point. At the review of Gen. A. J. During all of the operations at Young's manner, together with his honorable bear-Smith's Division, my brigade was composed Point I met the General frequently, and ing in all the relations of life, all conspire to fragments rolling over its surface, or the of six regiments of infantry and the "Chicago often partook of his hospitality. Unlike render him one of the foremost characters failure to keep the canoe straight in leaving antile Battery." In riding in front of McPherson, he seemed to give no thought to the line, on reaching the 19th Ky., he dis- his bill of fare. McPherson lived like a mounted and walked the entire length of prince, and entertained in a style that could the regiment, scrutinizing the command not be excelled, unless it was by Magruder, carefully, and speaking a kind word to the of the Confederate army. Sherman left By E. C. CROCKER, BATTERY R. 4TH U. S. ART., AND officers and men as he passed along the line. everything to his staff, so far as I could see, From that time on he seemed to have a and ate what was put before him without How scutimental, when men prate and ate what was put before him without Of "Southern comrade"-"Southern friend"fundness for the Kentuckians, and they were | criticism or complaint, whether it was pork exceedingly proud of the complimentary and beans or strawberries and cream. One recognition given them on that occasion. thing was obvious,-that is, that all were

While on the march from Bruinsburg, he he had not been permitted to take part in it. overtook me and we rode together for several At Chickmaw Bayon nothing could have miles. He told me of his ascent of the Yazoo been better than his preparations for battle, with a large number of transports, as though intending an attack upon Hayne's Bluff, which was designed to keep the forces of of complete knowledge of the situation. My Pemberton in Vicksburg while Grant was brigade constituted the extreme right flank | working his way in its rear. He was greatly of the namy, and extended from the main amused at the serious manner in which his adventure had been treated by the Confederates, and considered that he had succeeded admirably in accomplishing the object of his

During the siege of Vicksburg he was a frequent visitor at the headquarters of Gen. A. J. Smith, of the old Regular Army, and who commanded a division in the Thirteenth Il Saulth will soon make a desperate attempt to Corps. Sometimes Gen. Grant would put in an appearance and remain an hour or so in pleasant conversation. During one of these visits Gen. Grant, in referring to his corps It was impossible to cross the abatis in commanders, Sherman, McPherson, and any front, but as the troops in passing along | Ord, spoke in complimentary terms of each |

passed the night virtually without any pro- In the year that he lef: Washington, while standing on the pavement in front of his He informed me of the plan of battle, and residence, he called my attention to the told me that when I heard his troops on the | White House, and said that, but for the disright cheer as they advanced, to move grace, he would about as soon be in the my command forward and attack in front. penitentiary four years as to be in the Presi-During this interview, I suggested that I dential chair. He said that it was sickening to was sorry the battle had to be fought witness what a President had to go through on Sunday. That my recollection of with, and the worry and trouble to which | rent running out, and at the full flood a history was that in most if not all he was constantly subjected; that he could small boat has an easier task in going with of the battles fought on Sunday, the not turn the corner of the street or have a the surf over the reef. When no break oc-

> courage in battle, his sagacity as a leader, in the history of our country, and one whose memory will be cherished while patriotism has a votary and true worth an admirer.

THE REVISED BLUE AND GRAY,

BATTERY D. 5TH U. S. ART.

Fraternal feeling "-" misguided State" -To make the Union spirit bend: For they were rebels when the North was true, They were the gray, but we the blue,

Four weary years of life I've passed In bivoune, on march, in fields; Can I forgive while Southern press Upholds State rights, or slavery shields? If they wear the gray and we the blue? proad garlands rich on the grave of Wirtz,

martyr true in slavery's cause; Who violates our Nation's laws. This for a rebel who crushed the blue, For he wore the gray when the North kept true live rebels back their "bouny" flags,

Forget Fort Pillow's murderous day, inperishable make the name of Booth, And robel debis the North help pay; For we were loyal and they untru For they were the gray and we the blue, Can starving men forget their woes

Of hunger, cold, in prison left; Of law unestisfied, which says That "treason's pensity is death"? Vengeance is God's, He will repay; We wore the blue, they were the gray. Had Lee or Davis e'er stooped down To place the flowers where Honor rests, Then will I give a comrade's hand

And then forgive; may heaven bless, They lived they died, as traitors do. Who wear the gray when we the blue. When shotgun principles are gone, And law's firm hand each State shall rule; When colored men can reach the polls And every colored child's at school-Then North and South will both be true, And none will speak of gray or blue.

Experiences

DISTANT LANDS.

Recollections of a Stay in the Samoan

SURF BOAT

Marriage Feast.

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HE boats of Samoa are long, narrow canoes, which are so erank that an outrigger in the shape of a log is necessary to keep them upright when empty, and even with this the least indiscretion in evitably means an upset and a bath at least.

sels, but with even this I at first found the control of the Samoan vehicle delicate task. After some practice in smooth I tried rough water, and a month made me feel quite at home, so that I took long trips about the islands in perfect confidence and safety. Sometimes my fellow traveler was a novice, and at these times I seldom got clear without a ducking.

The Samoan Islands are fringed with coral reefs, which at low water are entirely hare and dry. At all other stages of the tide a high-rolling surf marks their edge with a white trimming visible for miles. The water which is forced over the reef seeks a chance to run out, and forms channels or cracks in the reef, which are called boat-passages. There is always a strong cur-



THE GREATEST DANGER.

LINES OF BREAKERS.

I have thus lain for half an hour without relatives." In the following sketch of surf boating I other part of the island. a wrong moment to go on may smash your boat to atoms and send you in lacerated means upsetting and being ground against the sharp coral by the merciless waves till there is not enough left for your dearest

friend to recognize. The feeling is inspiring as you dash in, but my friend White's remark covered the ground very truly: "It is about as near taking one's life in one's hand as we get, except in battle."

"Paddle for your life, Pipi; we shall be in the surf in a second," and then bending all his muscle to his paddle, Mataumu steered the light cance straight into and across the edge of the reef, where the roaring breakers, white with foam, broke high. As the incoming wave rose and

RUSHED ONTO THE REEF he had waited till they were on the crest of a wave, and they sped along with awful speed for a couple of seconds, when the rapidly-lowering water dropped them upon the smooth top of the coral, but only for a moment, when the next roller, breaking behind them with a cloud of foam, lifted them high into the air and whirled them onward.

Then was the moment of danger. If the cance turned all was up. The wave coming from behind and raising the stern first would inevitably do this if the arm and eye of the Our two voyagers were Mataumu, a long, steerer were not quick and strong. Twice lank, muscular down-east Yankee, and Pipi, more the cance was dropped and lifted, but a Western man, probably more used to the each time with less force and danger, for the saddle than a canoe. Their names were dated with especial-tidbits. first two waves had carried them far on and | those given by the Samoans, as their Euaway from the breaking edge.

they had reached the shore channel, and as had been given him by the native chiefs Pipi won great honors and rose several pegs in they stopped to breathe Pipi exclaimed: had yet, and an awfully close shave. You Samoan for his name, as well as his coloring, certainly have got it down fine. Why we did not go spinning round and round when that first wave caught us I don't know."

"Pooh! Experience, nerve, and a strong arm are all that is necessary. Wait till we get off before you think you are out of the woods. Come, let's push on, for every moment tells, and we must get away round that point and off the reef before the tide falls too much, or we lose our fun and go hungry. Overboard you go. We shall have | they were given a rousing welcome by the



COMING TO THE WEDDING. to wade along here." So wading through

PADDLING IN THE DEEP PLACES they reached the point, and turning it saw what they had to encounter to once more reach the smooth blue water of the ocean. At a glance Pipi recognized the vast difference between coming on with the waves and going off against them.

Carefully pushing the cance between them, they worked their way toward the edge, now holding on as it rested on the reef, now struggling, waist-deep, with the fierce, swirling waters. When within a boat's length of the edge Pipi was directed to get in and paddle as hard as he could whenever the boat rose on the waves.

As a wave subsided he took his place, and as the next lifted her began paddling, while Mataumu, pushing, sent her half over the edge of the reef. She rested the bow in midair, and then as the final wave came dashing in, almost covering Mataumu as he stood on the reef holding the boat, with a running push he sent the canoe over into deep water and the boiling surf. He leapt as it took the water to a position across the stern, and then paddling with all his energy, yelling to Pipi for his very strongest efforts, they breasted the rollers, and in a couple of minutes were out beyond the breakers, where they could both cease paddling and

As Mataumu gained his place in the canoe

"Well, what do you think of that, now it is safely over?"

"Simply awful! Next to going into battle, that strikes me as nearest to taking one's life in one's hand. How did you get into the boat when that last breaker rushed over us? I did not dare to stop and look behind, and I really did not know what was going on, except I was

AWAY UP IN THE AIR!"

"I got astraddle of the stern as far on as I could jump and stuck there. There was no time to get in.

"But let us go on, or we shall miss some around points where the recf sticks out for of the ceremonies and perhaps our share the subject before; but after a moment's as President of the Society of the Army of ally an along-shore deeper channel. When | taro are particularly to my taste, but I am though we will be the only ones outside the

and faces was wonderful, rarely ever forget- taking a stroke of my paddle, and it was I felt quite surprised and complimented fied that Kentucky remained in the Union, When the white flag was raised in the ting anyone with whom he had been asso- this backward rush from the reef which en- at the invitation. The little surf exploit and claimed that it farmished a base of afternoon, the Confederate General, Church- ciated, either in the army or in the walks of abled our vessels to so long keep from anni- took place as we were going to a town, or operations against the Confederate forces in | ill, with his staff, rode into the fort and | civil life. He usually ignored titles in ad- | hilation in the hurricane at Samoa. The | rather village, some 10 miles from the ship, Tennessee and Virginia, besides giving the offered to surrender to me. I sent for Gen. dressing his brother officers, preferring to story of each ship was that they came just where we were to witness the preliminary to the edge and then for half a mile they | feast and ceremony attendant on the daughmoved along its front to comparative safety. | ter of the chief wedding a chief from an-

above the level of the reef and the choice of | and quite a reputation for beauty and wealth,



ropean ones were too difficult to remember. As the last of the four spent its strength | Mataumu-meaning "one who sees far"- | friends did full justice to the good things, and Randolph street, Chicago.

when they had initiated him and elected | the estimation of the natives by his "Well done! That was the worst I have him as one of them, while Pipi was the "white, or blond." Matanmu, A MARRIED MAN,

> had the gravity which 44 years naturally wear, while Pipi, still in his twenties, was fresh and lively, looking for fun in every strong of arm and obedient under guidance. they also should be married. Skimming along over the rolling waves, they arrived at the village heach, where

boys, who rushed into the water to help beach the cance. Salinoa, a fine-looking, muscular Samoan, standing six feet two inches on his bare feet, of the cocounut, their nude bodies glistening met them at the entrance to the village, in the firelight from the liberal use of cocoaand, after squeezing their hands, rubbed nut oil.

where their arrival was the signal for a general nose-rubbing, in which every grown person took part, Pipi slyly stealing kisses from the pretty girls as their noses touched Garlands of jasmine and hibiscus blossoms were placed on their heads, and necklaces of bright shells and nuts mixed with ilangilang leaves about their necks, and they

were led to the seat of honor next to As a preliminary to the feast, ava, the drink of the land, was ordered made, and

the visiting chiefs and leading men formed a half-circle in Salinoa's house, SITTING CROSS-LEGGED

on the mats. The root of the ava (piper methisticum) was brought in, and, having been examined, was washed and scraped clean by a young man assistant.

The bride was then escorted to a place near the middle of the house, and an immense carved wooden bowl on legs placed before her; the attendant then poured water over her hands and wrists.

The bowl, two half cocoanut shells, and a long piece of bark fiber-like tow, was also washed. Then a grater of tin was laid across the bowl, and, singing a monotonous chant, the roots were grated into the bowl. When a quantity sufficient was pulverized water was poured over the powder, and, after a minute's soaking, the fiber whisk was dropped into the bowl like a mat, pressed to the bottom, drawn up along the side, and wrung out.

shook out the ava fiber which remained through pantomimic war, but all in unison. caught in the whisk. After repeating this process several times the drink was pronounced clear of gratings, and amid clapping of hands all united in the ery, "The ava is prepared!"

The assistant now presented the coccanut cup to the maid, who filled it from the bowl, using her hand or another cup. The master of ceremonies, who must know the rank of each one present, then called out the name

HIGHEST IN BANK, and so on down till all had had a bowlful.

where he sat. Approaching him in a bending attitude the cup of ava was offered with a wide, low swing of the arm. The Chief receiving it, poured a little upon the ground as an oblation to the gods, and then was supposed men, women and girls seldom drink ava, and where, for his dreams were energetic, and at

GASTRONOMIC PEATS. The pleasant juice of the cocoanet served to

quench the thirst without intoxicating. At last sated nature demanded rest. The large cocoanut grove was brightly illuminated by the large bonfires, and the moon was adding to the glory of the night her full shining face. Now was the lovers' time, and hand in hand many event, nothing loth to a flirtation even with | wandered along the shore or in the grove, ania Samoan maiden, ready for any frolic, but | mated over the hopes of a feast to come, when

Too soon for them came the loud calls for the Siva, or National dance, from the old people; but they obeyed, and soon, in decorative dress. and garlands, took their places. Wreaths of white and scarlet blossoms and green loaves on their heads, beits of tapa or leaves on their loins, anklets and bracelets of the green leaves

noses with them in the Samoan style. A | Seated in lines, the men singing and beating short walk took them to the chief's house, a slow measure, the women go through a



A WEDDING HEADDRESS. cantomime in which the whole effect depends upon the exact movement of all as one-the movements of the hands, heads, bodies, the knees beating time, all graceful but cambrous. The assistant, by flirting it in the air, With savage shouts the men rise and go

Then the girls rise and go through gyrations and posturing, the whole a rude, nude, laseivious, barbaric representation, which quickly sickons the civilized mind, and is only appreclated by such truly savages. Yet these very people are church-going, generous and kind, not immeral, as many of the South Sea Islanders are, but simply so utterly

INNOCENT OF DECENCY, that a ribald gesture or word brings not only not offense but amusement, and is cheered, laughed at and encored.

This Siva keeps up till daylight. So Salinoa before it commenced showed the white men As each name was called the individual | the house where their sleeping-tents had been by clapping his hands showed the assistant | hung up, and left it to their own choice when

they should retire. After an appearance during the beginning of the dance, Pipi and I retired to our, beds, and though occasionally disturbed by a louder shout than usual, or some one looking about for a missing friend, we soon succeeded in leaving to drink the rest without pausing, and then Samoa far behind in our pleasant dreams, spin the cup toward the assistant. Young Pipi, however, was evidently canoning some-



THE NATIVE DANCE.

but he waved it to Mataumu, who, with | remnants of the night's feast had all vanished. gravity, carried out the required formula. What the guests had left the dogs and chickens Pipi had to wait some time, as he was con- and pigs had caten, even to the meat left in the sidered a less important and younger man. After the ava was finished a dance and song took place, in which all the young men and women joined. They chanted of love and marriage; of the virtue of Samoan women, and the bride in particular; of her beauty, and the prowess and glory of

HER FUTURE MASTER.

The articles which were to be given as her a esent to his family were brought out and handled and commented upon. Fine and coarse mats, tapas, chickens and ducks, to say nothing of the long, nappy, white mat | was started, and all the paddles kept sime to which was used in the ceremony to prove | the music. On the forepart of each boat a

heard in the woods, and a troop of men and | the denizens of adjoining villages that a great women, dressed only with garlands and leaves, party was going off. appeared bearing the feast. Three pigs, baked whole, dozens of fowl, baskets of fish and shellfish, taro, bread-fruit, bananas, roasted chestnuts, bunches of ripe bananas and baskets of husked cocoanuts-every article that appears on the Samoan monu in unstinted quantities.

Ranged in half-circles, the men were rapidly | Consular flag, closing my office, and decoratings served by the women. The carcasses were torn | the grave of a solitary naval here of the late in hunks and served on little mats covered | war. with fresh banana leaves. Soon every soul was eating, and cating fast and furiously. Talk about eating, stuffing was the order of the day, Choice bits were wrenched off and tossed to some friend, while the bride was fairly inun-

They ate till dusk, and then, after the fires

cocoanut shells, and it was long into the next day before the natives were up and astir. When they did come out the events of the night were the topic of conversation on every hand.

The cances were now gotten ready, and a large part of the guests prepared to escort the bride to her new home, where the happy groom would repeat the last evening's stuffing match on probably a larger scale and more prolonged.

The bridal party started off in 20 huge canoes, each containing from 10 to 12 people, and the village was quite deserted, only a few old women and nursing children remaining at home. As the party left the shore a loud song warrior in strange dress danced and performed wild leaps and antics, and at intervals a rat-But just at this moment loud shouts were thing voiley of musket-shots was fired to warn

(To be continued.)

A Lonely Memorial Bay. Col. Samuel B. Horne, Past Department Commander of Connecticut, and who is now Consul at St. Thomas, West Indies, says in a private letter to The NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I observed Memorial Day by half-masting my

Illinois at Gettysburg.

The dedication of the monuments in honor of the Illinois troops at Gettysburg will fake place Sept. 3. Illinois had three regimentsthe 8th and 12th Cav. and 82d Inf .- at Gettysburg, many of whose members are scattered over the country. For their benefit this notice is made, and further information can be obwere lighted, ate on long into the evening. Our tained of A. Heushel, Secretary, S2d Ill., 425 W.